

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 24, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

☒ Shelley Brittingham
☒ Donna DiFiore
☐ Victoria Hall
☒ Robbie Howell

☒ Dane Johnson
☒ Kathy Justin
☒ Ted Ottinger
☒ Debbie Thoma

☒ Virginia Wright

Staff Present:

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Guests:

Maureen Hoffman, past Burien Arts Commissioner

Minutes

Meeting called to order. Minutes are approved.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education — Donna updated the commission on the 153rd Street Banner Project. Victoria has written a draft of a letter to go to the businesses on 153rd asking for funding support. Victoria and Donna met with designer Maureen Hoffman to review the project. We are hoping to work with Rainier Industries to create the banners. The cost for 15 banners would be \$6,000, approx \$400 per banner for fabric banner and metal hanger. Maureen mentioned it would be a possibility to use fewer designs to keep costs low. The committee is looking at how create a visually cohesive look with the banners. They also discussed how to thank the donors. Some options would be listing the business on the banner, giving the business a thank you for their store or a certificate with a snapshot of the banner. Dane mentioned that it would be helpful to have a mock up banner created so the project can be sold to businesses. Maureen will work on mock up.

Gina shared information from the Education Committee from there July meeting:

The committee recommendations for 2011 were to: 1) Support the Downtown Banner Project, 2) Invite a parent or instructor from each Burien school to serve on the education committee to keep the committee updated on what is happening with the arts in the schools, 3) Serve as advocates for the arts in the Highline School District.

The committee recommended for the five year plan to : 1) Promote the Art Docent Program in Burien Elementary Schools, 2) Work on how to get more Arts Corps or similar residency programs into Burien Elementary Schools.

Public Art—Dane shared information about the Eagle Landing public art project. The wood sculpture of an eagle will be donated by local artist Galen Willis, and the artist hopes to find an Eagle Scout to help create an enclosure for the sculpture. The public art committee recommended

that the arts commission approve the Galen Willis eagle sculpture for the park. The Commission recommends the Eagle Landing Sculpture at Eagle Landing Park. Shelly motioned, Dane seconds. All approve.

Dane and Gina provided information from the Public Art Committee discussion on the use of Public Art Funds. The Public Art Committee would like to recommend that the existing funds are used on a variety of projects in a way that will provide the most impact for the community and create an artistic dialogue. The committee would like to strongly state that they are not interested in using the funds to fund one permanent art piece. Instead they would like to create a 10 year plan, using up to 10% of the funds each year on smaller projects with community participation. The funds and plan would be reviewed by the Arts Commission's Public Art Committee every three years, the next review being in 2013.

The Committee believes strongly in leveraging the 1% funds for the largest community impact by engaging Burien in an artistic dialog that includes local artists, patrons of the arts and local businesses. It is the goal of the committee to achieve this objective by creating two basic programs.

The first program would be an Art Commission driven program that uses the resources of the commission to drive art awareness, community driven art projects and broader arts driven projects (an example of such a project is the 153rd beatification banner project that is being currently worked on by the commission in cooperation with local designers and grade schools.)

The second style of programming would be an Art Commission sourced grant for temporary or permanent art installations within the city of Burien. This style of programming would be directed through the commission with the cooperation of the parks department for call placement, site location and cooperative sponsorship.

To better leverage the conservative expenditures the Art Commission has set for its self and to better engage the business community and Burien as a whole the Art commission has set a suggested 50% match goal for any expenditure of the fund.

Current working project ideas include the 153rd Banner Project, artist designed bus shelters, temporary art for Dottie Harper Park, Puget Sound Skills Center sculpture projects, a call to artists for art for specific spaces, and a mural project for the Dollar Store wall on 4th and 151st. The Commission will develop each year's project focus within the time frame and discussion of the yearly Arts commission work plan for the following year.

Dane also mentioned the possibility of working with Black Arts Foundation again to bring more large sculpture to the Northwest. He will keep the commission updated on this opportunity.

Arts and Economic Development—No report at this time. A meeting is planned for this fall.

Staff Report

Arts-A-Glow—Gina reported on the Arts-A-Glow Lantern Festival. The event will be held on Saturday, September 18th from 5-10pm in Town Square Park. The event will include a lantern procession, lantern making, face painting, a tea house, music and lantern performers. Gina is looking for volunteers for the event.

Arts and Culture Grant—The interviews for the grants will be Wednesday, Sept 8th. The committee will then make their recommendations to the full art commission at the September meeting.

Arts and Culture Brochure—The brochure is designed and will be sent to the printer in early September. All organizations from the 2009-2010 brochure returned with the addition of the Highline Community Symphonic Band, the new Burien Music and Art School, and Abyssinian Dance School. The brochures will be mailed to 10,000 local arts patrons in late September.

Music and Movies in the Park Summary—The Music and Movies in the Park program went well this summer, with good weather and attendance. The concerts brought 500-600 people to each concert; the movie attendance was around 150 for each movie. New this year was ice cream sales at the concerts by Full Tilt, more involvement at the Fiesta by Para los Ninos as they provided games and other activities as well as selling treats, and Burien Arts running a sno-cone machine and face painting booth at one of the concerts.

4 Culture Lodging Tax--Shelley talked about the August 30th Advocacy meeting at Act Theatre. This is the year that the State needs to decide if they will extend this funding for 4 Culture. This year it is very important to lobby for this funding.

The meeting was adjourned.